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SUBJ: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT TO PERSIAN GULF AREA AND
EGYPT APRIL-MAY 1976

1. NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE (NWC), IN PLANNING ITS 1976 OVER-
SEAS FIELD STUDIES, REQUESTS PERMISSION TO VISIT FOLLOWING
COUNTRIES IN NEA AREA DURING PERIOD APRIL 24 TO MAY 8, 1976:

COUNTRY	ETA (LOCAL)	ETD (LOCAL)
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TEHRAN	242110 APR	270645 APR
SHIRAZ	270755 APR	271415 APR
DUBAI	271540 APR	282030 APR
ABU DHABI	282100 APR	301100 APR
BAHRAIN	301145 APR	011530 MAY
DHAHRAN	011555 MAY	022310 MAY

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RIYADH	022359 MAY	040800 MAY
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JIDDA	040920 MAY	041455 MAY
CAIRO	041600 MAY	080835 MAY

ABOVE TIMES MAY REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT WHEN FLIGHT PLANS ARE MADE.

2. PURPOSE OF VISITS IS TO COMPLETE STUDY OF KEY ISSUES IN FORMULATION AND CONDUCT OF NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY. GROUPS HAVE IN PAST MET WITH TOP CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP, US MISSIONS CHIEFS, AND CFREQUENTLY WITH HEAD OF STATE, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AUTHORITATIVE FIRSTHAND IMPRESSIONS OF MAJOR POLITICAL, MILITARY ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND OTHER ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH COUNTRY AND REGION. ALTHOUGH FIELD STUDY CONCEPT THIS YEAR EMPHASIZES LOWER PROFILE AND MORE INTENSE FOCUS ON PREPARATION OF "ISSUE" PAPERS, NWC HOPES SIMILAR TOP-LEVEL MEETINGS WILL REMAIN APPROPRIATE AND OF ADVANTAGE TO US MISSIONS IN MANY COUNTRIES.

3. VISITS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THEATER CLEARANCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED FROM USCINCEUR. VISITS COORDINATED WITH INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES, WHICH WILL NOT CONDUCT INDEPENDENT OVERSEAS VISITS THIS YEAR.

4. NWC GROUP WILL CONSIST OF 17 MEMBERS OF O-5, O-6 (MILITARY RANK), GS-15/16, FSO-2/3 LEVELS PLUS FIELD STUDY DIRECTOR WHO WILL BE MILITARY OFFICER OF GENERAL OR FLAG RANK OR FSO OF EQUIVALENT RANK. NAME WILL BE PROVIDED LATER. FIELD STUDY EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHO COORDINATES ALL ACTIVITIES, IS COLONEL HARRY E.B. SULLIVAN, TELEPHONE (202) 693-8401, AUTOVON 223-8401. GROUP INTENDS TO TRAVEL BY MILITARY AIRLIFT.

5. EMBASSIES WILL BE REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN VISIT AND COORDINATION OF PROGRAM, I.E., OFFICIAL VISITS, BRIEFINGS, BILLETING AND SOCIAL ASPECTS, WITH FIELD STUDY EXECUTIVE OFFICER. IT IS NOTED NWC STUDENTS ARE SELECTED ON BASIS OF SUPERIOR PAST PERFORMANCE AND OUTSTANDING FUTURE POTENTIAL AT POLICY-MAKING LEVEL.

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6. EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THEIR PROJECT OFFICERS, WITH INFO COPY TO COMMANDANT, NWC, ASSOON AS POSSIBLE. AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN COUNTRY PROJECT OFFICER AND NWC FIELD STUDY EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS REQUESTED.

7. LETTER FROM NWC TO CHIEF OF MISSION WILL AMPLIFY

CHANGES IN FIELD STUDY EMPHASIS AND LETTER FROM NWC EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PROJECT OFFICER WILL INITIATE DISCUSSION OF PREFERRED SCHEDULE ARRANGEMENTS.

8. REQUEST EMBASSY CONCURRENCE IN VISIT, OR COMMENTS, AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. COMMANDANT, NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, D.C. SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS INFO ADDRESSEE ON ALL TRAFFIC. FURTHER REQUEST YOU SEEK HOST GOVERNMENT APPROVAL IF VISIT IN YOUR JUDGMENT POSES NO PROBLEM; HOWEVER, DO NOT DELAY YOUR ANSWER TO AWAIT HOST GOVERNMENT DECISION.

9. SINCE IT MAY BE ADVISABLE TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IMMEDIATELY, GROUP WILL REQUIRE 4 SINGLE ROOMS AND 7 DOUBLE ROOMS. NEEDS (IF ANY) FOR ROOMS FOR AIRCRAFT CREW ARE UNKNOWN BUT WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP.

10. FOR CAIRO: THIS GROUP IS A SUB-SECTION OF MIDDLE EAST FIELD STUDY TEAM. IT IS PROPOSED TO COMBINE WITH OTHER SECTION FOR CAIRO PHASE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT TOTAL NUMBER OF 1975 TEAM IS SMALLER BY FIVE THAN IN 1975. COMBINED CAIRO PROGRAM CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL BY NWC AS EGYPT LINCHPIN OF PETRODOLLAR/OAPEC AND ARAB/ISRAELI FACTORS. DEPARTMENT APPROVES, SUBJECT TO EMBASSY CONCURRENCE.

11. FOR ABU DHABI: WE ASSUME NWC STOP IN DUBAI BEFORE GOING TO ABU DHABI PRESENTS NO POLITICAL PROBLEM BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS/CONFIRMATION. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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